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FY 2005 Budget and Annual Performance Plan for Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM are Available for Public Review

PAGE, AZ Kitty Roberts, Superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) and Rainbow Bridge National Monument (NM), announced the park's budget, annual performance plan, and estimates for fee revenues for FY 2005 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998." The Annual Performance Plan, which responds to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, details goals for the balance of this fiscal year with the annual work plan, expected outcomes and fiscal and human resources needed for each goal.

Congress appropriated Glen Canyon NRA \$9,848,000 with an additional \$104,000 for Rainbow Bridge NM, for operation and maintenance of the respective areas under the FY 2005 budget.

Glen Canyon NRA encompasses over 1.25 million acres and experiences over two million visitors annually. In addition to the headquarters office located in Page, Arizona, district offices are located at Lees Ferry, Wahweap (which also covers Antelope Point and Dangling Rope), Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, Hite (which also covers Hans Flat) and Escalante.

Operating and maintaining facilities in many of the outlying districts is very similar to running a small town. In addition to protecting park resources and visitor safety, we produce power, operate water and wastewater treatment plants, staff visitor centers, maintain roads and trails, and provide housing, solid waste disposal, law enforcement and fire protection for residents. Glen Canyon currently has 145 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions that increase to nearly 200 of FTE/ seasonal-hire employees during the summer.

A summary of Glen Canyon NRA's operating budget and estimated FY 2005 fee revenue includes:

Facilities Operation & Maintenance: Includes buildings, grounds, roads,	\$3,333,000
utilities, boats, solid waste management, water treatment, water quality, the	
dive program and maintenance related resource preservation.	
Visitor Services: Includes law enforcement, search and rescue, dispatch, lake	\$2,220,400
pollution control, emergency medical services, visitor center operations, ranger	
programs, education, resource protection and business management.	

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Resources Management and Preservation: Includes resource preservation for	\$778,600
natural and cultural resources, grazing management, water quality assessment,	
cultural liaison activities, research and science programs.	
Administrative Support: Includes the superintendent's office and other	\$2,516,000
administrative services to support operations including, visitor services,	
facilities and maintenance, and resource management. This includes the park's	
safety program, telecommunications, aviation, fleet management, boat and	
vehicle fuel and information resource management support.	
Fee Revenue: Anticipated revenues from entrance, user, and special park use	\$1,590,000
fees fund the cost of collecting fees and costs associated with special park uses	
as well as key projects. Some of those projects include restoration planning for	
the Weaver Ranch House at Lees Ferry, GIS/GPS roads and trails mapping,	
upgrades at the entrance stations, water quality efforts, exotic species control,	
inventory paleontological resources and Antelope Point project management.	

A summary of Rainbow Bridge NM's budget:

Visitor Services: Includes protection and education staff.	\$ 27,900
Facilities Operation and Maintenance: Docks, trails, and restrooms.	\$ 76,100

In addition to Glen Canyon NRA's appropriated operating budget, other funding sources will provide approximately 4.1 million dollars this year for much needed facilities and projects that would otherwise not be possible. These funding sources include NPS repair/rehab funds, and special accounts derived from a percentage of gross receipts from services provided to park visitors by the park concessioner, construction appropriation outlays, concession revenues, and utility and quarters income. This years projects include launch ramp and utility extensions lake wide to continue access during low water, upgrades to the Lees Ferry wastewater system, upgrades to fire suppression system at Dangling Rope facilities, restoration of springs on Navajo Point, and cultural site stabilization and monitoring work.

Copies of the area's annual performance plan, which is derived from the 2001 National Park Service Strategic Plan, can be obtained by writing to:

Superintendent Glen Canyon NRA P. O. Box 1507 Page, Arizona 86040

Copies of Glen Canyon's Annual Performance Plan and the park's 5-year Strategic Plan are available on the Internet at http://www.nps.gov/glca/pphtml/documents.html

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